



# Troy Museum & Historic Village

**Museum Hours:**  
Mon.-Sat.: 9 am-4:30 pm  
Sun.: Closed

60 West Wattles Road (NW corner of Wattles & Livernois)  
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[www.troymi.gov/museum](http://www.troymi.gov/museum)

Winter 2008-09

## Museum transforms into Santa's Village!

**Saturday, December 6,  
from 1-4 pm  
FREE Admission!**

**S**kip the trip to the North Pole and visit Santa's Village right here in Troy! The elves will be hard at work but Santa will be meeting boys and girls to listen to their wish lists. Mrs. Claus will help each child

sign Santa's Book. Have you been a good boy or girl?

Visit the North Pole Gift Shop which will have a glittering array of stocking-stuffers for sale. The Elves' Canteen will be dispensing free cookies and hot cider—sprinkled with magic dust making them extra delicious. In honor of your visit, the elves are arranging activities throughout Santa's Village, including festive music from the Bellissima Hand Bell Choir at **1:15 pm**.

Santa will arrive in his horse-drawn carriage at **2 pm**. Bring your camera and your imagination and join us for this very special day.

**Free admission**; donations welcome. Park at Zion Christian Church (3668 Livernois – ¼ mile South of Wattles) and ride the free "polar express" shuttle.



*Santa listens as a little boy whispers a Christmas wish.*



*Santa will arrive by a horse-drawn carriage.*



*Parents will find great stocking-stuffers in the North Pole Gift Shop.*

## Gingerbread House

**Saturday, December 13,  
from 10 am-12 pm and 1-3 pm**

**M**ake your own gingerbread house with the help of instructor Jeanetta Miller. All materials and graham crackers provided. This deliciously fun event is great for children or for a unique Scout activity!

**Fee: \$7. Ages: 6 to adult. Register before December 5, space is limited for this popular program.**



## News from the Museum

### • Holiday Closings

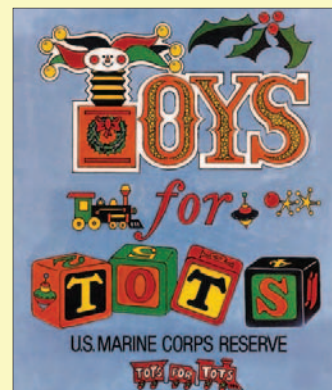
The Museum will be closed November 27, December 24-27, December 31, and January 1. The Museum is also closed on Sundays.

### • Toys For Tots

'Tis the Season! Help the US Marine Corps collect toys for needy children in our area. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Museum between November 28 and December 12. Deliver a gift directly to Santa's Village on December 6 (see above) when active-duty and veteran Marines will accept your donations in person!

### • Troy Historical Society

The Troy Historical Society supports all public programming at the Troy Museum & Historic Village. Help them preserve the light for future generations, including the relocation of the Niles-Barnard House and an historic barn to the village. Membership is just \$15 for individuals, \$25 per couple/family. Members are entitled to discounted rates for numerous programs throughout the year. For more information, or to donate to the Heritage Campaign, visit [www.troyhistory.org](http://www.troyhistory.org) or call 248.524.3301.



## Artifact Hunt and Buttermaking

Select Saturdays at 10:30 am



A new offering for groups of children ages 5-8 (grades K-2)! We will greet your group and provide a checklist and pictures of artifacts the kids can locate in our historic buildings. After this self-guided Artifact Hunt is complete (duration approx. one hour), we will lead your group in making butter for a snack, using crackers and supplies you provide. Each child will take home a Museum pencil and an Activity Book. Perfect for Tiger Cubs and Brownies! Optional: pack a lunch and eat in the schoolhouse to complete your outing.

**Fee: \$2.50 per person. Minimum group size 5 children, minimum 2 adults per group. Call in advance to schedule; available most Saturdays.**

## Cheddar's Preschool Story Hour

Wednesdays, January 7, February 4, and March 4  
from 10:30-11:15 am

Join Cheddar the Museum Mouse in listening to a classic tale in our monthly program for little historians! A simple craft and a yummy treat will make your child's visit complete. Appropriate for children ages 2-5; child must be accompanied by an adult.



**January** Teddy Bear Invasion  
**February** It's Raining Hearts  
**March** Mother Goose Olympics

Phone registration required in advance. Space is limited for this popular program. Free admission; donations welcome.

## Homelife Tour and Candlemaking

Saturdays, January 24, February 28, and March 28  
from 1-2:15 pm

Compare living in the pioneer log cabin, Civil War-era Caswell house, and turn-of-the-century Parsonage farmhouse. This tour focuses on architecture, cooking, social roles and technology in daily life. The cabin is only heated by a fireplace, so dress for the weather! Dipping beeswax candles will complete your visit.

**Fee: \$5 per person. Ages: 3rd grade to adult. Advanced registration required.**



Take a  
step back in  
time at the  
Museum with  
authentic  
beeswax  
candle  
making.



## Monthly Museum Photo Contest!

The Historic Village is a photographer's dream for capturing dazzling snowscapes and exquisite icicles. Enter this contest and the winning photos will be featured on the front page of the Museum's website! Photos can be from any category (scenery, people, close-ups, nature, etc.) but must fit the monthly theme (see below) and follow these rules:

- 1) Images must have been taken at the Troy Museum & Historic Village.
- 2) E-mail photos to [registrar@troymi.gov](mailto:registrar@troymi.gov) with subject line "photo contest." By submitting a photo, you agree to all of the rules.
- 3) One entry per person per month. The photo must be submitted by the photographer.
- 4) All photographs must be submitted within the appropriate dates (see below).
- 5) Include your name, city of residence, contact information, and title of photo (if applicable).
- 6) The Museum may select additional entries to be featured in a web gallery elsewhere on the Museum's webpage.
- 7) Winners will be contacted by the Museum before images are published. The winner's name, city, and photo title will be included on the website.
- 8) If asked, you must be able to prove that you have authority to grant use of the image and the people in it.
- 9) The photographer will retain copyright to the image.

Theme:	Submit Photos Between:	Appears:
Holidays	November 1-24	December
Family	December 1-19	January
Snow	January 1-28	February
Buildings	February 1-25	March

## Museum Tour and Candlemaking

Saturdays, January 10, February 14, and March 14  
from 1-3 pm

Take a trip through Troy's past when the paths are sprinkled with snow. An interpreter will guide your visit to the City's crown jewel as you learn about your community's heritage. The chance to hand-dip souvenir beeswax candles will make your afternoon memorable. Great for families and groups!

**Fee: \$5 per person. Appropriate for 1st grade to adult. Advanced registration required.**



## Evening Lecture Series Sponsored by the Troy Historical Society

This winter's lectures are guaranteed to inform, enlighten, and entertain you. We'll take a serious look at how America has dealt with poor economic times, an artistic look at the symbols and history of our currency, and a nostalgic look at growing up in Big Beaver Corners.

**January 21: America During Tough Times** - Dr. Rod Hewlett, distinguished professor of international business and former vice president of Walsh College, discusses our country's present economic challenges while reflecting on how the US has weathered past recessions, depressions and panics.

**February 18: Common Cents** - Museum Manager Loraine Campbell begins with the Lincoln Penny (Abe turns 200 in 2009) as she examines the symbolism and artistry found on American coins and currency.



**March 18: From Big Beaver to the Big Apple** - Author and businessman Bill Haney will take us down memory lane with personal stories from his latest book, highlighting growing up in Big Beaver Corners in the 1940s. There will be a book signing following the lecture.

All lectures are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Old Troy Church at the Museum. Fee: \$5 at the door; free for Historical Society members. No registration required.

## Thursday Teas at Two

Sip a cup of tea while enjoying a slice of history. A different delightful topic each month! Presentations begin at 2 pm and last one hour. Guests are welcome to bring their own china cup and saucer if preferred.

**January 29: Diva Tea** - A speaker from the Detroit Institute of Arts guides you through European, Asian, African, and Native American art while we hear about and view many powerful, prestigious, refined and beautiful women from the world over.

**February 26: Vintage Clothing Tea** - When the men were donning Civil War uniforms, what did the women wear? Collector Glenna Jo Christen presents vintage and reproduction clothing to show different women's fashions from the mid-1800s.



C J Walker

**March 26: Tea with a Millionaire** - Long before Oprah, there was Madame C J Walker. We welcome back actress Jacinta Shanae to tell the story of the nation's first female African-American millionaire, just in time to celebrate Women's Month.

**April 30: President Lincoln Tea** - Welcome Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, brought alive by Fred and Bonnie Priebe. Listen to the tale of their courtship and marriage, their youth and their sorrows. The program concludes with the dramatic reading of the Gettysburg Address.

Fee: \$4 per ticket, or \$15 for a "season ticket" to attend all four teas. Register in advance as space is limited for this popular series.

## Ribbon Embroidery II

Saturday, February 21, from 11 am – 12:30 pm

A new project! Come and complete a beautiful bread basket cloth to take home. You will learn some basic ribbon embroidery stitches, including a stem, leaf and a flower that can be used again in other projects. All materials provided.

Ages: 9 to adult. Fee: \$10. Register by February 13.

## Music at the Museum

Whether you're a musician or simply a music lover, the Museum offers a variety of events for you to enjoy sweet melodies. Mark your calendar for these upcoming opportunities to make your own music or appreciate the talents of visiting bands.

### Troy High Country Fiddlers

Saturday, February 28 at 2:30 pm

Welcome back the Troy Country Fiddlers – Troy High's finest! Come hear them before they travel to Florida for a special performance.

Proceeds help support the Troy Country Fiddlers and the Troy Historical Society Heritage Campaign.

Space is limited; buy tickets early. Tickets available at the door until sold out. \$5 adults; \$3 students/children.



Troy County Fiddlers will perform with proceeds benefiting the ensemble and the Troy Historical Society Heritage Campaign.

### Fiddling Workshop

Saturday, March 7 at 1 pm

Bring your violin and enjoy some good ol' down-home music! Learn simple fiddle tunes which you will be able to perform by the workshop's end. Take-home sheet music included. Two years of prior violin experience required.

Ages: 9 to adult. Fee: \$5. Registration required by March 2.



## Metropolitan Detroit Recorder Society

The Metropolitan Detroit Recorder Society returns for their annual concert! Join us on Saturday afternoon, March 21, in Old Troy Church for a musical treat. Look for more information in the upcoming Spring *Troy Today*.



### Attention Senior Citizen Groups!

The Troy Museum and Historic Village can accommodate your organized group for a guided tour on most weekdays at 3 pm. Minimum group size is 15 persons; cost per senior citizen is \$2.50. Call Ray, or e-mail [LucasRE@troymi.gov](mailto:LucasRE@troymi.gov) to schedule.

Read about our fantastic Museum tours that are great for families and groups on page 32!

Mark your  
calendar on  
Feb. 12, 2009  
for Lincoln's  
Birthday!

## Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday at the Museum!

On February 12, 1809 a child was born who would grow up to change our nation. The Museum honors the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln with the following activities.



### Lincoln Hunt

#### Held Throughout the Year

Try to find a presidential connection in all the museum buildings! Kids can search for the answers and win a prize. Suggested donation: 1 penny per child, \$5 per adult.

### We Love Abe

#### Saturday, February 14 at 10 am

Beginning at 10 am the first "four score and seven" visitors to arrive will receive a free baked treat to celebrate! Younger children can make a log cabin craft from 10-11:30 am and try the Lincoln Hunt.

Beginning at noon, join the fun and test your skill by playing History Bee. Individuals or family teams will compete to answer questions about President Lincoln, his youth and his family. Bonus points will be awarded to contestants who recite the Gettysburg Address from memory. Game winners receive a copy of the Address on parchment and a United States Presidents puzzle. Call by February 12 to register as a contestant. This activity is appropriate for ages 8 to adult.

### It's Mid-Winter Break: Come Celebrate Lincoln's Birthday

#### Monday, February 16 from 1-2:30 pm

It's the most important President's Day in years and we want to celebrate. Join us for a party in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Come as you are or dressed in costume. Bring your own homemade tribute to Lincoln — be creative! We'll have prizes for the best Lincoln look-alike, the best Lincoln-theme cake and the best portrait of Lincoln. We'll play games and enjoy birthday refreshments while learning a little more about the man many Americans believe was our greatest president. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. **Ages: 5-adult. Fee: \$5.**

### Common Cents

#### Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 pm

The Troy Historical Society presents a lecture about symbolism on the penny and more. See page 33 for details.

### President Lincoln Tea

#### Thursday, April 30 at 2 pm

Meet President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln in person as they speak about their lives. See page 33 for details.



## Library and Museum partner to offer Lincoln Celebrations

The Troy Public Library and the Troy Museum & Historic Village are teaming up to commemorate a special bicentennial: Lincoln's 200th birthday. A number of events are planned throughout the year at the Troy Public Library:

#### Saturday, February 7: Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday Celebration

2 pm, Troy Public Library Youth Services: Stories, games and crafts. See page 27 for details.

#### Thursday, April 2 : Jerry Zaetta on Abraham Lincoln's Assassination

7 pm, Troy Public Library. Local Lincoln Historian presents events leading up to and following Lincoln's assassination. See page 27 for details.